

REMARKS

Claims 1-17 remain in the application with claims 1, 4-6, 9, 10, and 15-17 amended to improve form and/or overcome the rejection of claims 1-5 and 16 under 35 USC § 112, second paragraph.

The Examiner has indicated that claims 6-15 and 17 are allowed and that claims 2, 3, and 16 would be allowable if rewritten.

Reconsideration is respectfully requested for claims 1-5 and 16 as amended.

Claims 1-5 and 16 have been rejected under 35 USC § 112, second paragraph, as being indefinite, the Examiner questioning in claim 1 whether the recited "parameter" is the same throughout the claim.

This rejection is respectfully traversed with respect to claims 1-5 and 16 as amended. By the present amendment, the claims are now consistent in referring to "magnetic resonance parameter" without any reference to "imaging" parameters.

Allowed claim 16 is amended to be consistent with base claim 11 in referring to "magnetic resonance quality".


Since claims 6-15 and 17 have been allowed, and since claims 1-5 and 16 as amended are in compliance with 35 USC § 112, second paragraph, all as above set forth, it is requested that claims 1-5 and 16 be allowed along with claims 6-15 and 17.

Applicant believes that all pending claims are allowable and respectfully requests a Notice of Allowance for this application from the Examiner. Should the Examiner believe that a telephone conference would expedite the prosecution of this application, the undersigned can be reached at the telephone number set out below.

If there are any issues remaining which the Examiner believes could be resolved through either a Supplemental Response or an Examiner's Amendment, the Examiner is respectfully requested to contact the undersigned attorney at the telephone number listed below.

Applicant hereby petitions for an extension of time which may be required to maintain the pendency of this case, and any required fee for such extension or any further fee required in connection with the filing of this Amendment is to be charged to Deposit Account No. 500388 (Order No. ORTHP001).

Respectfully submitted,
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